

**IN THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A decorative acoustic panel comprising:  
a main body having a decorative top surface and a bottom surface, said main body being formed of a first material having a first density; and  
at least one peripheral edge portion positioned at a side of said main body and having a decorative surface, said at least one peripheral edge portion being formed of compressed said first material and having a second density, ~~said second density being~~ greater than said first density, wherein said at least one peripheral edge portion being is folded about a fold point such that said at least one peripheral edge portion is flush against said main body,  
wherein said at least one peripheral edge portion is located between said top surface and said bottom surface of said main body; and  
~~— a decorative surface.~~
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3. (Currently Amended) The acoustic panel of claim 1, wherein said main body and said at least one peripheral edge portion are formed from a ~~an~~ acoustic substrate formed of a thermoplastic acoustic material, said substrate having a top major surface, a bottom major surface, and two minor surfaces.
4. (Original) The acoustic panel according to claim 3, wherein said acoustic material is a matrix of polyester staple and copolyester/polyester bicomponent fibers.
5. (Currently Amended) The acoustic panel according to claim 3, wherein said at least one peripheral edge portion is formed by compressing portions of said ~~acoustic~~ substrate to form inner and outer compressed regions and rotating said outer compressed regions.
6. (Currently Amended) The acoustic panel according to claim 1-5, wherein said decorative surface is formed on a second material and is affixed to said top surface of said main body and said at least one peripheral edge portion ~~acoustic panel after forming said at least one peripheral edge portion is formed.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The acoustic panel according to claim 5, wherein said decorative surface is formed on a second material and is affixed to said top major surface of said acoustic-substrate prior to forming said inner and outer compressed regions-at least one peripheral edge.

8. (Currently Amended) The acoustic panel according to claim 5, wherein said decorative surface is integral with said top a-major surface of said acoustic-substrate and is applied to said top major surface prior to forming said inner and outer compressed regions-at least one peripheral edge.

9. (Currently Amended) The acoustic panel according to claim 1-5, wherein said decorative surface is integral with said top a-major surface of said main body and said at least one peripheral edge portion acoustic-substrate and is applied to said top surface and said at least one peripheral edge portion after ~~forming~~ said at least one peripheral edge portion is formed.

10. (Currently Amended) An acoustic panel comprising:  
a main body having a front surface, an opposing back surface, a left edge, and a right edge; and

a reinforcing edge on at least one side of said main body formed by compressing an adjacent outer region to form a flange formed of compressed fibers ~~a compressed region~~ that is rotated against said main body until said ~~compressed flange region~~ is flush against said main body, said rotated flange ~~compressed region~~ forming said reinforcing edge.

11. (Original) The acoustic panel of claim 10, wherein said reinforcing edge is formed on opposing sides of said main body.

12. (Original) The acoustic panel of claim 10, wherein each said reinforcing edge has a first density and said main body has a second density that is less than said first density.

13. (Original) The acoustic panel of claim 12, wherein a side of said main body and each said reinforcing edge includes a decorative design.

14. (Original) The acoustic panel of claim 13, wherein each said reinforcing edge is bonded to said main body through an application of heat to soften and bond adjacent fibers located in said reinforcing edge and said main body.

15. (Original) The acoustic panel of claim 13, wherein at least one of said reinforcing edges is double folded against said main body.

16. (Original) The acoustic panel of claim 13, wherein each said reinforcing edge extends equidistantly beyond said main body.

17. (Currently Amended) The acoustic panel of claim 13, wherein at least one of said reinforcing edges is folded flush with said ~~a~~ back surface of said main body.

18. (Currently Amended) The acoustic panel of claim 16, wherein said reinforcing edges are formed on said front surface, said back surface, said left edge, and said right edge ~~all sides~~ of said main body from corresponding compressed regions.

19. (Original) The acoustic panel of claim 13, wherein reinforcing edge has a non-linear shape.

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